



Nelly of Asygarth



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Chapter 1 by Jerry E Edwards

Aysgarth is a village and civil parish in Wensleydale, in the Richmondshire district of North Yorkshire, England. Probably the most ideal place for a young girl to be brought up. My parents moved here in the Summer of 1875 from a small village near Edinburgh Scotland. My father worked for the king as a game keeper and we had a small cottage on a small parcel of land, which we worked for vegetables and we had two cows and three pigs and lots of chickens. I am fourteen years old and the most exciting thing that has happened in our little village was the fire that burned down our small church. Our Vicker now has to divide his time between our parish and the neighboring parish. That is until last night. Mrs. Cosgood Donagal vanished on her way back to her home, where she lives alone with her small cat, whiskers. She had left the bakers, where she works, just after closing the shop. She took the path that leads to her home across the Moore, near the Wensledale creek. Her favorite shawl, which she was wearing, was found near the base of a tree near the waters edge, by three children playing by the stream the next morning. There was no other items found, save an earring which I believe was hers, and it was found in the water, right on the edge of the stream. Foul play, was suspected and the town Constable was called immediately, and a search was begun, to no avail. After almost a week, with no result, the Constable contacted London and asked for help from Scotland Yard.

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Inspector Jennings contacted Mr. Sherlock Holmes and asked that he come and assist with the investigation.

Mr. Holmes is a Consulting Investigator, he is not a part of Scotland Yard, but works with them all of the time.

Mr. Holmes arrived with his friend Dr. Watson, who is a medical doctor, and immediately began an investigation.

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